

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 88

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO LIST CHILE, CAPSICUM ANNUM, AS THE STATE VEGETABLE.

WHEREAS, the chile plant, *Capsicum annuum*, is the most popular vegetable in New Mexican meals; and

WHEREAS, mass immigration to New Mexico in the past four hundred years has been rumored to be a result of the addictive qualities of chile attributed to endorphins released upon human ingestion of the capsicum plant; and

WHEREAS, chile is best grown in New Mexico, and further testimonials as to local preeminence within the state would foster too much dissension and endless amendments of this memorial, since every community claims to be the birthplace of the species or to possess the champion chef of chile dishes; and

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